

The District 3 Slate



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Dear friends:

Happy Holidays!

There's a great deal of good news contained in this edition of *The District 3 Slate*, news to keep you in that good holiday spirit.

There's good news to report about the successful effort to clean up and restore a creek in Pacific Beach. There's also great news about Scripps Health joining with the County to help move people off of welfare. (By the way, the County's welfare reform efforts have saved taxpayers more than \$1 billion since 1995.)

As I read through these stories, I noticed a common theme: They all take note of contributions from private citizens or private companies.

It's no secret that government works better, and problems are solved faster, when private citizens and businesses help out.

Good things are happening in District Three. Find out how you can do your part.

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Pacific Beach's Rose Creek gets a new look

Instead of turning eyes away as it did before, one section of Rose Creek in Pacific Beach is getting second looks these days.

The section of Rose Creek behind Rose Creek Cottage on Garnet Avenue used to be an overgrown, choked-off stream that was a haven for transients and a dumping ground for trash.

But thanks to the work of the Nature School and with support from Supervisor Pam Slater and the local Regional Water Quality Control Board, the creek has been restored to a condition that now garners admiring glances.



Becoming new again: Pacific Beach's Rose Creek meanders to Mission Bay in this view from behind Rose Creek Cottage on Garnet Avenue. The section of creek has been cleaned up with most invasive, non-native plants removed.

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The Nature School is an environmental education academy headed by Robert LaRosa and Gloria Carrillo. They started an effort at Rose Creek called Project STAR (Simple Technology Against Runoff) that uses natural elements from wetlands to filter out contaminants and street runoff.

Supervisor Slater obtained county dollars to help fund the project.

"Rose Creek's transformation has been nothing short of spectacular," Slater said.

County and Scripps Health help move people off welfare

The County of San Diego and Scripps Healthcare are working together in a way that could give many welfare recipients a fresh start this holiday season.

During the past year, Scripps Health officials worked with county staff in the Office of Trade and Business Development and with the San Diego Workforce Partnership to identify as many as 200 entry-level jobs that potentially could be filled by welfare recipients.

Supervisor Pam Slater commended the work of Scripps and

the San Diego Workforce Partnership.

"From the day I began serving as a County Supervisor, it has been a top priority to do as much as possible to move people off welfare and into work," Slater said.

"This partnership will provide welfare clients with solid job opportunities and a foot on the first rung of the career ladder."

According to Jill Van Antwerp, Scripps' Senior Human Resources Director, the health

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Welfare:

care organization has numerous opportunities for people receiving aid under the CalWORKS (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) program.

Positions such as customer service specialists and nurses' aides are among the types of jobs identified by Scripps, Antwerp said.

"The Scripps Health organization is truly leading the way for other health care organizations in the County," Slater said.

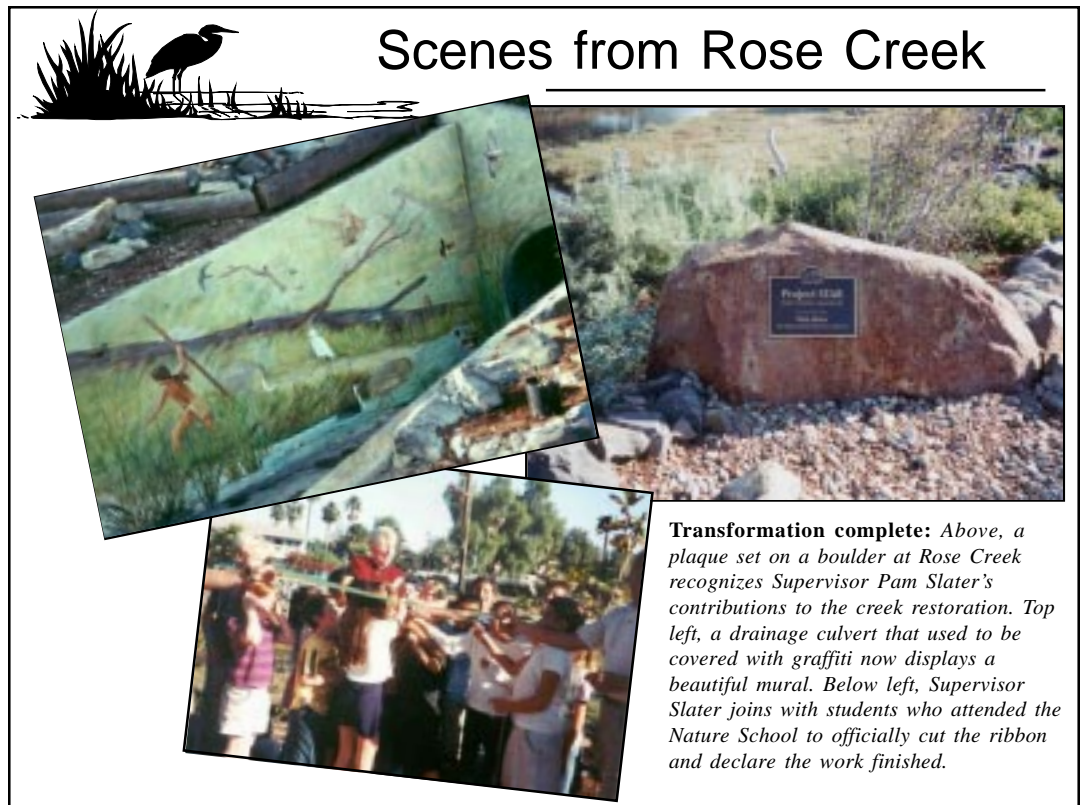
During the last five years, the County has cut its welfare caseload by 55 percent. Since January 1995, the County has saved taxpayers more than \$1 billion through its reform of the welfare program.

North County realtors feted

Supervisor Pam Slater last month honored the work of the North San Diego County Association of Realtors and its outgoing president, Kevin Burke, for their contributions to North County's economy.



Burke and Slater



Scenes from Rose Creek

Transformation complete: Above, a plaque set on a boulder at Rose Creek recognizes Supervisor Pam Slater's contributions to the creek restoration. Top left, a drainage culvert that used to be covered with graffiti now displays a beautiful mural. Below left, Supervisor Slater joins with students who attended the Nature School to officially cut the ribbon and declare the work finished.

You're wanted: County needs your advice

Do you want to know how you can give back to your community? Are you interested in serving on a County Commission or advisory panel?

If so, Supervisor Pam Slater's office has several openings available for you. The volunteers who serve on these committees provide important recommendations and counsel to the Board of Supervisors and the County of San Diego on numerous topics.

Positions are open on the Aging and Independence Advisory Council, the Parks Advisory Committee and the Social Services Advisory Board.

There are positions open on other committees, too, but those positions require special requirements. There is a position on the Mobile Home Issues Committee, but you must be a mobile home resident. Supervisor Slater also has a position open on the Emergency Medical Care Committee,

but it requires that you be an attorney in California for at least five years.

There is also a position on the Assessment Appeals Board, and to fill that spot, you must be a Real Estate Broker with five years experience in California.

"These commissions and panels provide an invaluable service to the County," Slater said. Please call Todd Voorhees with at (619) 531-5533 if you want more information.

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